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SUBJECT: US FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS

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1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF US SECOND QUARTER SCRAP CONTROL PROGRAM TRANSMITTED REF A SHOULD PUT TO REST ITALIAN RUMORS OF SCRAP EXPORT EMBARGO.

2. RE CAMPSIDER (DEL GUERCIO) COMPLAINTS OF INABILITY OBTAIN INFORMATION ON IDENTITY OF US EXPORTERS HOLDING SHARES OF ITALIAN QUOTA, FOLLOWING MAY HELP RESOLVE CONFUSION OVER THIS "PROBLEM". A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN US SCRAP EXPORTERS SHARE ITALIAN QUOTA, BASED ON THEIR BASE PERIOD EXPORTS TO ITALY AND/OR OTHER EC COUNTRIES. (WE UNABLE PROVIDE ITALIANS WITH THEIR NAMES BECAUSE OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS.) COMMERCE HAS POLLED THESE FOURTEEN EXPORTERS TELEPHONICALLY, WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS- THIRTEEN REPORTED NO PROBLEMS IN CONTACTING THEIR ITALIAN CUSTOMERS, AND ADVISED COMMERCE THAT THEY WERE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR ITALIAN CUSTOMERS. FOURTEENTH ITALIAN QUOTA HOLDER, WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO HOLD SMALLEST SHARE OF QUOTA, ADVISED COMMERCE THAT HE HAD NOT YET CONTACTED ITALIAN CUSTOMER. (PARA 2 REF D ADVISED MILAN THAT SMALLEST INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER ALLOCATION WAS FOR 679 ST; NEXT LOWEST FOR 1,451 ST, AND RANGED AS HIGH AS 56,632 ST.)

3. REF E REPORTS GOI HAS A CUSTOMS CERTIFICATION SYSTEM IN EFFECT, TO OVERSEE FERROUS SCRAP IMPORTS, BUT DOES NOT INDICATE THAT CAMPSIDER HAS BEEN MADE SOLE ITALIAN SCRAP IMPORTER. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION RE IDENTITIES OF ITALIAN CUSTOMERS CONTACTED BY US EXPORTERS, BUT IT APPEARS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT SOME US EXPORTERS MAY HAVE CONTACTED ITALIAN CUSTOMERS AND/OR POSSIBLE BUYERS OTHER THAN CAMPSIDER, PERHAPS WITH VIEW TOWARD MAINTAINING TRADE TIES WITH ESTABLISHED CUSTOMERS.

4. MILAN MAY DRAW ON ABOVE TO RESPOND TO DEL GUERCIO. RUSH

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